

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 6491

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, MOPS, ET, IT  
SUBJ: ITALIAN VIEWS FOLLOWING ATNAFU'S EXECUTION

REF: STATE 268868

1. ITALIAN CHARGE CROSETTI, SPEAKING OF DAWIT'S CONSULTATIONS IN ROME, HAS SAID HIS EMBASSY CONSIDERS THOSE TALKS HAVE BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. ITALIAN HOPE THAT ETHIOPIA WOULD TURN TO GENUINE NON-ALIGNMENT WAS DASHED AFTER READING PMAC STATEMENT JUSTIFYING VICE CHAIRMAN ATNAFU'S EXECUTION, HE INDICATED. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT GOI COULD NOT PERSUADE ITALIAN CITIZENS IN ASMARA, MANY OF WHOM ARE HALF ERITREAN, TO LEAVE.

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2. CROSETTI AND SOME OTHER WESTERN DIPLOMATS ARE BEGINNING TO EXPRESS DOUBT THAT ALL THE ETHIOPIAN DIPLOMATS ATTENDING CURRENT UNGA WILL RETURN, PARTICULARLY DAWIT HIMSELF. THIS MAY BE IDLE SPECULATION BUT IT IS AT LEAST INDICATIVE OF THEIR FEAR THAT ETHIOPIANS FAVORING BALANCED RELATIONS WITH BOTH EAST AND WEST WILL HAVE TO LIE LOW FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

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